

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the second full paragraph at page 9 with the following amended paragraph.

“Another advantage of the carrier 10 is the use of an anti-microbial material, such as an anti-microbial plastics, to form the first and second halves 12 and 14. Anti-microbial plastics can be formed by molding into the plastic particles of glass containing anti-microbial metal ions such as silver(Ag). Such treated glass is sold by Ishizuka Glass Co., Ltd. of Nagoya, Japan. An anti-microbial material can be used in any style of carrier, such as a carrier that is not leak resistant. For example, anti-microbial material can be used in all hospital and bank carrier products.”

Replace the third full paragraph at page 9 with the following amended paragraph.

“While the main latches 34 and 36 are described above in use with a carrier 10, the latches, can be used in many other applications. For example, main latches 34 and 36 can be used as the latches on a suitcase or briefcase. Both suitcases and briefcases are often subject to abuse, particularly if placed in the cargo hold of an aircraft. Also, materials carried in such cases, for example important business documents in a briefcase, may be so sensitive and valuable as to justify the added security in using main latches 34 and 36 to prevent an unintentional opening of the case. Other uses of latches 34 and 36 can be on equipment cases, ballot boxes, drawers, etc.”